

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1666
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CLEARANCE TO HYDRO POWER PROJECTS
MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `NTPC ko Panbijali Par Kaam Karne Ke Liye Hari Jhandi` appearing in the `Navbharat Times` dated February 8, 2000;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) the time by which these Hydro Power Projects are likely to start functioning and the power in Megawatts proposed to be generated there from; and
- (d) the extent to which it would overcome the power shortage in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) : Government of India (GOI) has permitted National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) to set up hydro power projects in the country in 1997. Further, GOI announced a Policy on Hydro Power Development in August, 1998 with an objective to accelerate the share of hydro power which has been continuously declining over the last three decades.

NTPC has recently signed an agreement with the Government of Himachal Pradesh as well as Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board for implementation of Koldam Hydro-electric project (800 MW) in Himachal Pradesh. The project is envisaged to start functioning during 11th Plan.